

## Supporting information

# Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>/PTA Nanocomposite Films for High-Contrast Rewritable Media with Visible-Light-Driven Black Coloration

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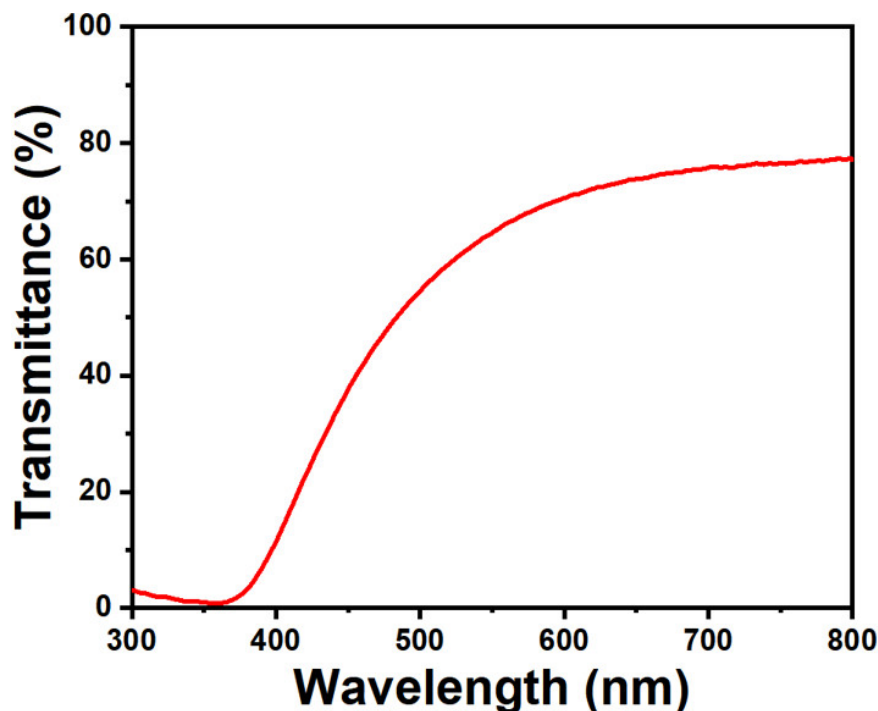


Figure S1. UV-vis transmittance spectrum of the typical Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>/PTA/PVP nanocomposite film.

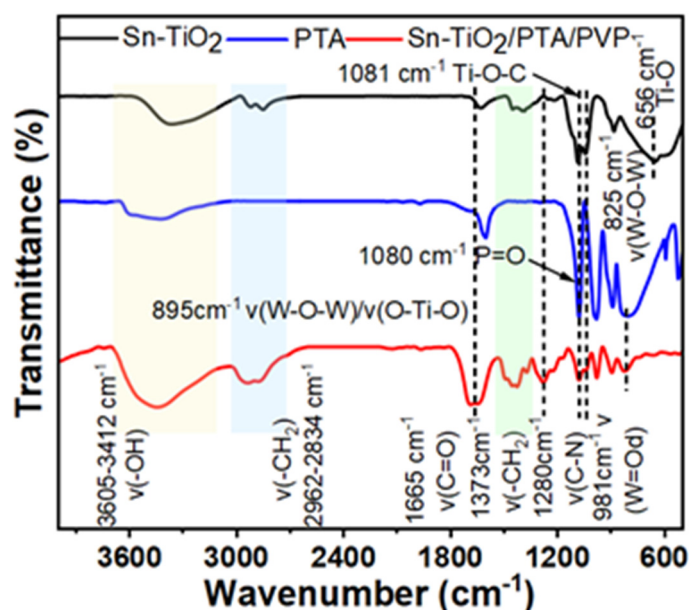
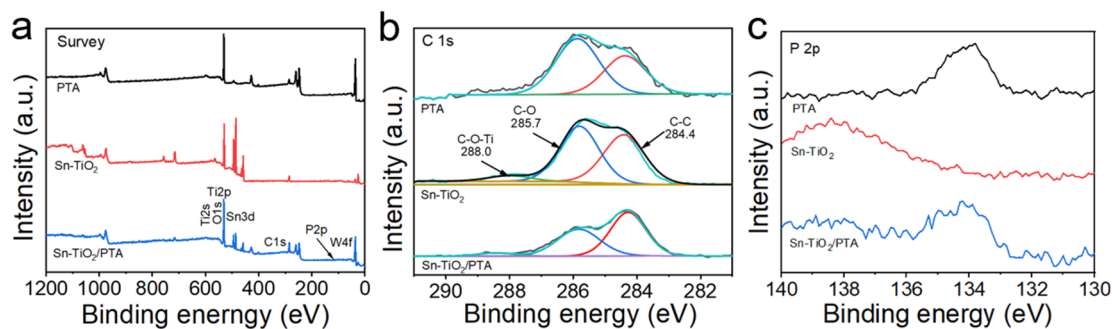
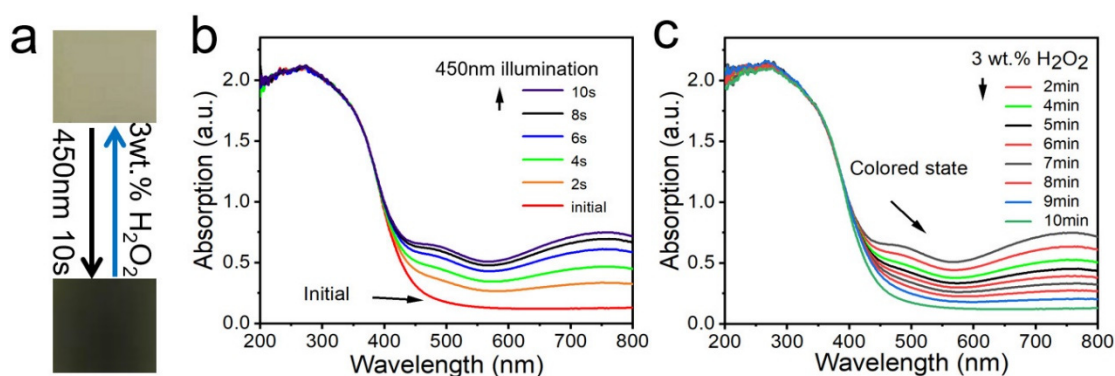


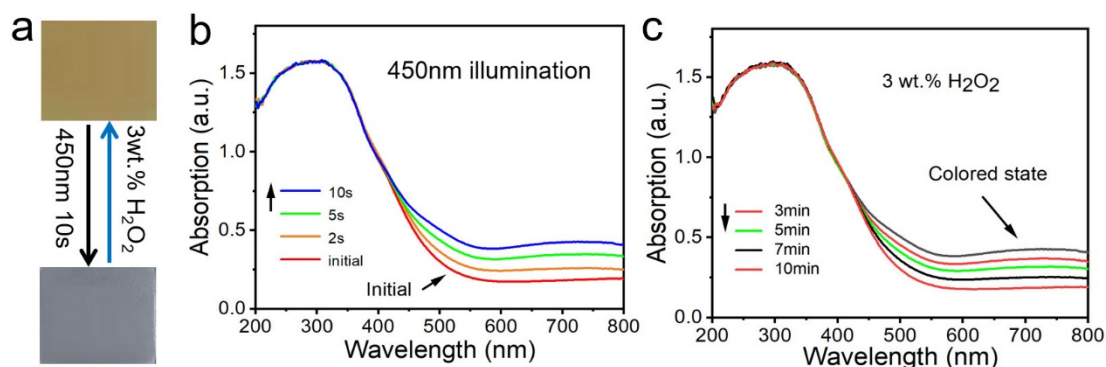
Figure S2. FT-IR spectra of Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>, PTA, and the typical Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>/PTA/PVP nanocomposite film.



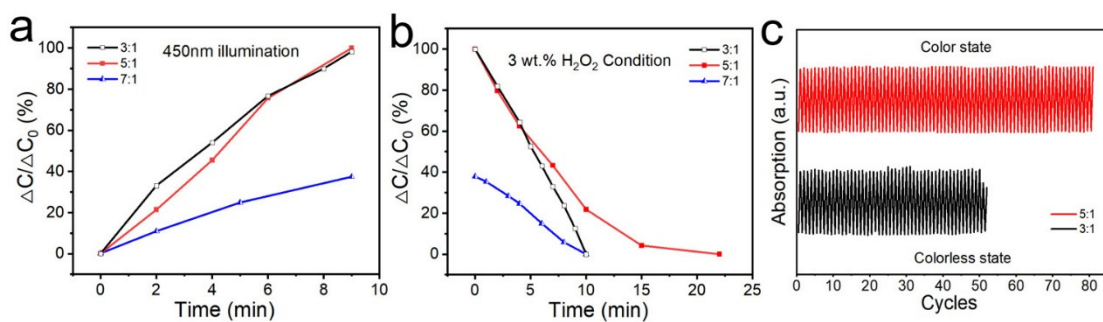
**Figure S3.** Survey XPS spectra (a) and high-resolution XPS spectra of C 1s (b) and P 2p (d) of PTA, Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles and Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>/PTA nanocomposite.



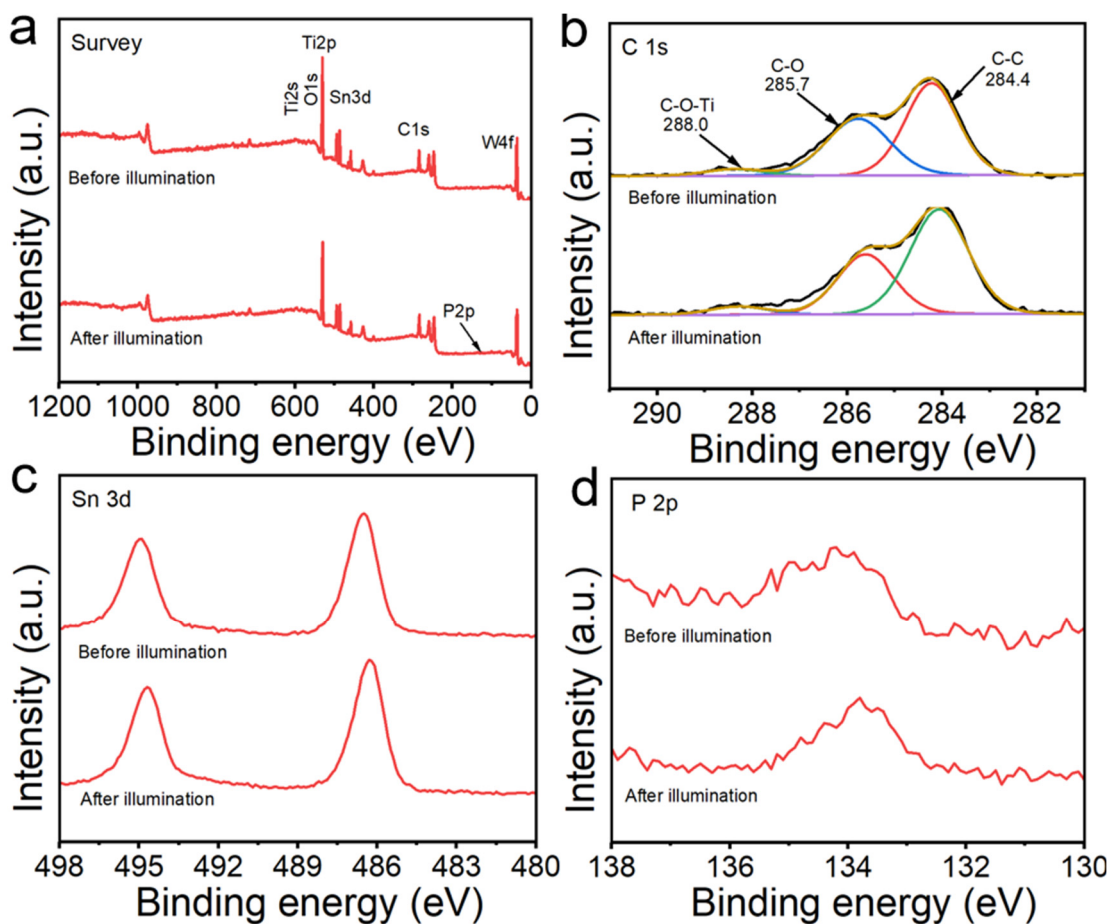
**Figure S4.** (a) Digital photographs showing the color switching process of the Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>/PTA/PVP nanocomposite film (the molar ratio of Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>:PTA is 3:1) upon 450 nm illumination and treatment with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> vapor. (b, c) UV-vis diffuse absorption spectra showing the coloration process upon 450 nm illumination (b), upon the bleaching process in the 3 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> condition (c).



**Figure S5.** (a) Digital photographs showing the color switching process of the Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>/PTA/PVP nanocomposite (the molar ratio of Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>:PTA is 7:1) upon 450 nm illumination and treatment with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> vapor. (b, c) UV-vis diffuse absorption spectra showing the coloration process upon 450 nm illumination (b), upon the bleaching process in the 3 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> condition (c).



**Figure S6.** (a) The coloration rate and (b) the bleaching rate of Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>/PTA/PVP nanocomposite films with different Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>:PTA molar ratios under 450 nm light illumination in the initial state, treatment with vapor of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, respectively. (c) Absorption intensity at 750 nm of films with Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>:PTA molar ratios of 5:1 (80 cycles) and 3:1 (50 cycles) during continuous color switching.



**Figure S7.** Survey XPS spectra (a) and high-resolution XPS spectra of C (b), P (c), N (d) of the Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>/PTA nanocomposite before and after 450 nm illumination.

**Table S1.** Comparison of photochromic performance between Sn-TiO<sub>2</sub>/PTA/PVP and existing systems.

System	Activation Wavelength (nm)	Coloration Time	Optical Contrast	Cycling Stability
Fe-WO <sub>3</sub> /PVP <sup>[1]</sup>	365 (UV)	180 s	Blue	50
Fe-W <sub>18</sub> O <sub>49</sub> /PVP <sup>[2]</sup>	365 (UV)	120 s	Blue	50
WO <sub>3</sub> -MoO <sub>3</sub> /HEA/AM <sup>[3]</sup>	365 (UV)	300 s	Blue-black	10
SP-Naph <sup>[4]</sup>	365 (UV)	300 s	Blue	11
Sn-TiO <sub>2</sub> /PTA/PVP	450 (Visible)	10 s	Black	80

**HEA:** 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate; **AM:** acrylamide; **SP-Naph:** naphthalene-embedded spiropyran

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